

STIMSON TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

New Secretary of War Central Figure in Impressive Ceremony.

GREET THE ARMY CHIEFS

Office Force Bids Farewell to Retiring Secretary Dickinson.

Washington, May 22.—Henry L. Stimson, of New York, this morning took the oath of office as Secretary of War, succeeding Jacob M. Dickinson, resigned.

The ceremony, which was more impressive than usual, took place in the private office of the Secretary of War. Secretary Stimson came to the department directly from the White House, accompanied by Senator Root and Representative Dwight. Chief of Staff, General Wood, and Chief Clerk, Mr. Stimson, were present. The ceremony was administered by John B. Randolph, chief of the record division, who had performed a similar service for many war secretaries in years past.

After receiving the congratulations of the officials present, Secretary Stimson greeted the various military officers on duty in Washington, standing at the right of Secretary Dickinson, with General Wood at his left, forming the introductions. All of the officers were arrayed in white duck and the scene was a brilliant one. The line was headed by Adjutant-General Ainsworth, followed by General Murray, assistant chief of staff.

At the conclusion of the military reception the new secretary was introduced to the civil officials and clerks of the War Department by General Oliver, Assistant Secretary of War, assisted by Chief Clerk Scofield. As the long line of officers and civilian officials passed through the room each and every one said farewell to Secretary Dickinson, and there were many expressions of deep regret that he was retiring from office.

Following the ceremony, the incoming and outgoing secretaries were photographed several times, standing together beside the military establishment. Secretary Stimson, accompanied by Mrs. Dickinson, will leave this city in the afternoon for his home in New York.

Takes Charge Next Monday. Secretary Stimson does not expect to assume active charge of his new office before next Monday. Assistant Secretary Oliver acting in his stead until that date. Secretary Stimson will go to New York tomorrow and will later in the week. He has announced that there will be no changes in the secretary's office as a result of the retirement of Mr. Dickinson. Consequently, Walter B. Pedlow of Virginia, will continue as private secretary, and Lincoln R. Child, of New York, as confidential stenographer. Mr. Stimson is not such a new man in military affairs as he has been represented. He inherited the traditions of the Civil War, his father, Lewis Atterbury Stimson, now a distinguished physician in New York, who entered service in 1861 as a young man of twenty, serving first as lieutenant and then as captain and aide-de-camp on the staff of Major-General Alfred H. Terry, commanding the Tenth Corps.

Served in National Guard. Mr. Stimson is not without military experience. He served in the National Guard of New York from 1892 to 1894, and in the National Guard of New York from 1894 to 1896. He took a great interest in his military work and was promoted to the rank of major in 1894. He was elected first lieutenant December 7, 1894. He resigned from the military service on account of pressure of business, and was honorably discharged April 14, 1907.

Election Unanimous. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Newbern, N. C., May 22.—For the second time a school district in Craven county has voted for local school taxes without a dissenting vote. The first district was the one which carried a tax several years ago without a vote against the proposition. This time it is the Clark district, which has voted for the tax without a dissenting vote.

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WILLIAMS HAS NO INTEREST IN CLUB

Issues Brief but Emphatic Denial That He Owns Any Part of Norfolk Team.

BY GUS MALBERT.

"I have absolutely no financial interest in the Norfolk Baseball Corporation."

The above is the only thing which Robert W. Williams, president of the Virginia League, would have to say in regard to the assertions made in the columns of several newspapers, avowedly opposed to Williams as president of the Virginia League, to the effect that he was either the owner of a controlling interest in the club or the owner of some part of the stock of the corporation controlling the club.

His denial is brief yet emphatic, and leaves no room for argument. "I have absolutely no financial interest in the Norfolk Baseball Corporation." Those eleven words tell as much as a volume when it comes to denying a report which was fathered in the mind of some energetic youngster who wanted to make trouble. Williams is not the owner, either in whole or in part, of the Norfolk club. That much is settled once and for all.

The Norfolk club is controlled by a corporation, and if the men who own the stock want to show their books at the behest of every Tom, Dick and Harry, that's their business. No law on earth can make them do it, and Williams does not own any of the stock. The honest and frank, though brief, statement of the president of the league must be accepted at its face value.

Now the croakers will, in all decency, keep quiet, for, so long as Williams does not own any of the vasty interesting stock, there can be no objection as to who does. There are a number of questions more important for the Virginia League than the ownership of the Norfolk franchise, which is a bearing on the very life of the league. If the energetic busybodies who continually harp on that one chord will turn their attention to some of these questions they will then be doing the public a service. Certainly it will be a pleasing change from the practice of trying to make news at the expense of a hardworking official.

HUNDREDS SLAIN BY MOB OF REBELS

(Continued From First Page.)

Peace Planfully Rejoins.

Juarez, Mex., May 22.—Peace reigns supreme in Northern Mexico to-night, where news of the signing of a peace agreement last night has penetrated. The only disquieting reports to-day were private advices from Mexico City that members of the "Cientifico" party, deposed because of the Maderista movement, were thinking of starting a revolution against the latter.

Trouble from the "Cientifico" element, it is admitted here, is expected, but whether it will take the form of armed revolt after Madero assumes power is not yet clear. The insurgents' troops may be kept at the various garrisons in Mexico for a few months in readiness for trouble, but no definite plans along that line have been formed by Senator Madero. Senator Madero and his present chiefs to-day discussed the make-up of the new Cabinet which is to surround Provisional President. The most satisfactory news to them is the receipt of a message from Ernesto Madero at Monterey, announcing that he would accept the portfolio of finance. This Cabinet slate predicted by the Associated Press recently remains intact. Those who have accepted portfolios thus far are:

Minister of Finance, Ernesto Madero; Minister of Colonization and Industry, Manuel Calero; Minister of Public Utilities, Manuel Bonilla.

Minister of Public Instruction, Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez; Minister of Interior Administration, Emilio Vasquez Gomez.

The portfolio of Minister of Justice, which has been offered to Senator Vasquez Tagle, a lawyer of Mexico City, has not yet been accepted by him on account of ill health. Should he be unable to take the post, it is said Rafael Hernandez, a cousin of Francisco I. Madero, Jr., and one of the go-betweens in the peace negotiations, may be named.

Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez left here to-night for San Antonio, Tex., where he will meet his family and journey on to Mexico City three days later.

The news that President Diaz might retire on Wednesday or Thursday of this week increased the activity of Senator Madero in preparing for his departure to the Mexican capital. Should the Mexican railway line from here southward still be out of commission by the end of the week, it is likely that Senator Madero will go through San Antonio and Laredo, Tex. Warrants held by American officers for violating the neutrality laws when he was in American territory have been waived, and he has been assured of unimpeded passage through Texas.

Estimates of Dead. Revised estimates to-day of the casualties of the battle of Juarez place the total number killed at 150, with about 250 wounded. Of these, the Federalists are believed to have lost 150 killed and 100 wounded.

The wounded are getting excellent treatment at the hands of the Mexican White Cross and the Red Cross, and only about a half-dozen deaths of the Federalists have been recorded since the battle.

The number of dead was far out of proportion to those wounded as battles generally go, but General Viljoen, who fought with the Boers, and has been military adviser to Senator Madero, declared that the heavy loss killed was inevitable on account of the close range of the fire.

BLIND TIGER CASES UNTRIED.

Special Term of Court May Be Called.

Durham, May 22.—A special term of court probably will be called to dispose of the fifty-one "blind tiger" cases, left untried at the conclusion to-day of the regular term of the Criminal Court here. Judge Daniels will recommend this special term. Ten of the eleven "blind tigers" tried at the regular term were found guilty, but have not been sentenced. Feeling over the situation continuing as intense as it was when the midnight raid in which the sixty-one were captured, was made a month ago.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: For Virginia—Generally fair Tuesday; Wednesday unsettled; light variable winds. For North Carolina—Generally fair, except local showers in extreme west portions Tuesday and Wednesday; light, variable winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.	
Monday's high temperature	80
S. A. temperature	78
Humidity	76
Wind direction	South
Weather	Clear
12 noon temperature	81
P. M. temperature	80
Maximum temperature	81
P. M. temperature	79
Minimum temperature	65
P. M. temperature	68
Mean temperature	69
Normal temperature	68
Excess in temperature	11
Deficiency in temperature	11
Accum. excess in temperature	146
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	3
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	3.32
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	3.42

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.	
Place.	Weather.
Athens	80 Clear
Atlanta	80 Cloudy
Baltimore	78 Rain
Asheville	72 P. cloudy
Atlantic City	64 Cloudy
Boston	84 P. cloudy
Buffalo	82 P. cloudy
Charlotte	74 P. cloudy
Chicago	64 Cloudy
Cincinnati	70 Cloudy
Duluth	42 Cloudy
Galveston	80 Clear
Huron	62 Cloudy
Indianapolis	70 Cloudy
Jacksonville	72 Cloudy
Kansas City	60 Clear
Knoxville	78 Cloudy
Louisville	70 Cloudy
Memphis	80 Clear
Mobile	82 Clear
Montreal	76 Partly cloudy
New Orleans	76 P. cloudy
New York	72 Clear
Norfolk	82 Clear
Oklahoma City	78 Clear
Pittsburgh	78 Cloudy
Raleigh	82 Clear
San Francisco	60 P. cloudy
Spokane	60 P. cloudy
St. Paul	66 Rain
Tampa	74 P. cloudy
Washington	84 P. cloudy
Wilmington	74 Clear
Wytheville	84 P. cloudy

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
May 23, 1911.
Sun rises... 4:56 Morning... 11:51
Sun sets... 7:17 Evening... 12:36



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Most users buy a month's supply at a time. They open a can when they want it and it keeps until they use it up. There's no shortage, no waste.

The milk comes to you as thick as thick cream. You add one part water for coffee. Right at the dairy, under low heat, we evaporate two-thirds of the water. You can put back as little or as much as you wish.

Nothing whatever is added—nothing but water subtracted. This milk is not sweetened, as is condensed milk. Thus you can use it for every milk purpose—for cooking, for drinking, for cereals or coffee.

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FASTEST RACING CARS IN SWEEPSTAKE RACE

Elimination Trials for Great Contest on Indianapolis Speedway Will Take Place Saturday, Machines Must Show Speed of 75 Miles an Hour.

receive the cash prizes and the makers of the trophies.

The conditions of the race, which is a class E event, are that each car shall weigh at least 2,300 pounds and have no more than 600 cubic inches of piston displacement. This makes cars up to about 120-horsepower eligible.

The forty-six cars have a total of 20,150 cubic inches of piston displacement, giving an average of 435 cubic inches per car, according to its motor construction.

The majority of the cars in the race in their tryout have averaged about ninety-five to 100 miles per hour, while many of them are capable of doing two miles per minute. The entry fee paid by the entrants was \$500 per car.

Estimates on the average speed which will be attained in the long race have varied widely, but experts express a belief that the winner will travel the

500 miles at a rate of about seventy-five miles per hour.

The race will start at 10 o'clock in the morning, and probably the winner will cross the top on his last lap about 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Well Known Officials.

The officials of the race have been chosen from all over the United States, most of them having been officials at many of the other great race meets of the country.

Fred J. Wagner, of New York, will act as starter, while George Robertson, the former racing driver, will be an assistant. A. R. Pardington, of New York, will referee while R. P. Hooper, president of the American Automobile Association, is the honorary official in that capacity.

Judges and other officials have been chosen from among the most prominent manufacturers and automobile men in the Middle West.

The method which would be employed to start this event has been difficult for promoters to decide. The speedway management finally adopted the plan of firing dry batteries at the starting line, which will set off a dense cloud of smoke. One of these will be fired every minute for the first ten minutes of the race, and at the stroke of 10 a special starting bomb will set off the signal that will send the entire field into the race.

After the start the contestants are signaled along the course by means of colored flags, which the drivers understand. A special meaning will be attached to the flags, and the drivers will be started in nine lines of five cars each, at intervals of 100 feet back of the wire.

Scoring and timing of forty-six fast cars in a course of 100 miles is a task of no small magnitude. The timing system, in order to score and time the race, requires more than 100 men will be used throughout the seven hours of the race, as well as the regular scorers. The eye is the only part of man depended upon to do the timing, while mechanical devices have been called upon to perform the greater part of the work. An electrical timing machine, which divides seconds into hundredths, will catch each car as it passes the wire on every lap, while a battery of four hundred machines will record the number of cars as they pass. Two dictaphones will carry the record of the race, and the time of the race will have the story of the entire race recorded on a record, the first time this has ever been attempted.

Four Scoreboards.

Reinforced concrete scoreboards, each 100 feet in length and each employing more than twenty men to operate, will be placed at each end of the track. Each scoreboard will be a lap each time it crosses. A telephone system will connect the two scoreboards, and the entire race will be recorded on a score of announcements in all parts of the grounds, and the visiting throng will be informed of the status of the race every ten miles of its progress.

Preparations have been made for handling a crowd of 100,000. Working space for 10,000 automobiles has been provided.

In order to prevent accidents to the spectators 300 men are employed. The organization, known as the Speedway Guard, is composed of 200 men. These militiamen guard every roadway and gate, so that the track has been termed "fool proof." In addition 100 police and plain clothes men watch the throng throughout the day. A mounted squad aids in directing the crowds to their proper places.

Known as "The Greatest Race Course in the World," the Speedway has been a great center of attraction for motorists even when there was no event on the track. The grounds contain 32 acres, all enclosed within a high-board fence, and every corner attended by a sharpshooter. The entire track is two and one-half miles in length and required six months to construct at a cost of more than \$150,000. The entire racing plant as it stands to-day, cost more than \$800,000.

BURNED TO WATER'S EDGE.

Steam Yacht Destroyed—Captain and Crew Have Narrow Escape.

Norfolk, Va., May 22.—Captain Dunbar, of the steam yacht Chepohal, today told a thrilling story of the escape of himself and crew from that vessel which was burned to the water's edge early Saturday morning, and now lies a total loss at the bottom of James River, just below Claremont. The yacht, owned by R. R. Moore, of New York, and F. E. Jones, of Norfolk, was valued at upwards of \$25,000. She was only partly insured.

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